

narrow or in any other way change the substantive scope of the claim. Accordingly, claim 1 is still in a condition of allowance.

Dependent claims 22-28 have been amended to clarify their scope. Dependent claims 3-5 have been canceled and new dependent claims 35-44 have been added and are fully supported by the specification. All pending dependent claims are dependant on claim 1 and are therefore also in a condition of allowance for the same reasons as claim 1.


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If the Examiner should have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3-5 and amend claims 1 and 22-28 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A park brake cable system comprising:

a brake actuation lever;

a connector clip having a first end and a second end, and including a shear member having a shear failure force, positioned between the first and second ends of said connector clip;

a brake assembly;

a front cable strand having a first and second ends, the first end attached to the brake actuation lever, and the second end engaging the shear member on the connector clip;

a first rear cable strand having a first end and a second end, the first end attached to the second end of the connector clip and the second end attached to the brake assembly; and

tensioner means attached in a tension force transmitting relationship with the front cable strand and the first rear cable strand, creating a continuous connection from the brake actuation lever to the brake assembly;

wherein applying tension to the front and first rear cable strands by the tensioner means creates at least the shear failure force to cause the second end of the front cable strand to break the shear member and move to the first end of the connector clip, and maintain the continuous connection from the brake actuation lever to the brake assembly.

22. (Amended) A park brake cable system as defined in claim 1 wherein said connector clip includes[:] a main body having an interior cavity, and open first and second ends[:], and wherein [a] at least a portion of the shear member [extending] extends across a portion of the interior cavity.

23. (Amended) A park brake cable system as defined in claim 22 wherein said at least a portion of the shear member is a tab [extending into said interior cavity].

24. (Amended) A park brake cable system as defined in claim 23 wherein the tab [said shear member defines] includes a stress riser.

25. (Amended) A park brake cable system as defined in claim 23 wherein said tab [shear member] has a front face and a rear face, the front face (i) facing said first end of the first rear cable strand and (ii) having a stress riser disposed thereon, and the rear face being opposite said front face [and defines a stress riser in said front face].

26. (Amended) A park brake cable system as defined in claim 23 wherein said tab [shear member] has a front face and a rear face, the rear face (i) facing away from said first end of the first rear cable strand and (ii) having a stress riser disposed thereon, and the front face being opposite said rear face [and defines a stress riser in said front face].

27. (Amended) A park brake cable system as defined in claim 22 wherein:

said shear member has a [partial] partially cylindrical [main] body and said at least a portion of the shear member defines a tab extending orthogonally inwardly;

said main body of the connector clip defines an outer surface and includes an aperture formed through said main body from said outer surface to said interior cavity; and

said [shear member] partially cylindrical body of the shear member mounts on said outer surface and said tab extends through said aperture to extend across at least a portion of the interior cavity.

28. (Amended) A park brake cable system as defined in claim 22 wherein:

the shear member and the connector clip are integrally formed;

said main body is a generally cylindrical body defining a bore therethrough and having an interior side wall [walls]; and

said [shear member is] at least a portion of the shear member comprises a shear disk, the shear disk being attached to said interior side [walls] wall and [extends] extending across said bore.

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